

# ALESS

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2007

#### USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN LIBRARIES

ALESS is proud to present our first Professional Development day tailored to meet the training needs of Librarians within our community.

This development day will utilize the skills and talents of group members to focus on Technology, mainly Web 2.0 applications and how they can be used in School Libraries to enhance student and teacher learning and development.

There will be three workshop sessions on offer. Participants will learn about the technologies under discussion and adopt a hands-on approach to put these technologies into practice. Abstracts for each session are attached.

The Canadian International School of Hong Kong has very generously offered to host this event in their Library free of charge. They will be providing 26 laptop computers for use throughout the day and participants may bring their own laptops should this be required.

For directions to the venue, please visit <http://www.cdnis.edu.hk/en/facts/map.jsp>. There is very limited parking available so participants should try to use public transport or car pool. Anyone requesting a parking space should contact Carolyn Sinclair directly, email: [carolynsinclair@cdnis.edu.hk](mailto:carolynsinclair@cdnis.edu.hk).

For further information or to reserve a place at the ALESS Professional Development Day, please contact Fiona Collins, email: [collinsf1@kjs.esf.edu.hk](mailto:collinsf1@kjs.esf.edu.hk) before Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007.

#### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

8:30 – 9:00 AM  
ARRIVAL/REGISTRATION

9:00 – 10:30 AM SESSION 1  
Wikis in School Libraries

10:30 – 11:00 AM  
COFFEE/TEA

11:00 – 12:30 PM SESSION 2  
Using Web 2.0 Technologies

12:30 – 1:15 PM  
LUNCH

1:15 – 2:45 PM SESSION 3  
Using SKYPE

2:45 – 4:00 PM  
FEEDBACK/ALESS MEETING



"The Librarian" by ARCHIMBOLDO,  
Guiseppe from Art on the Web,  
<http://www.kfki.hu/~arthp/html/a/archimbold/index.html>

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## WORKSHOP ABSTRACTS

### **Session 1 “Wikis in school libraries” – Dana Dukic, West Island School**

Wikis are used in school libraries in many different ways. They are used for creating library and information skills tutorials, conducting collaborative educational projects, creating various reading lists, writing book reviews, building a database of professional resources or can be used just as a webpage for libraries and professional library associations. There are a number of wiki tools available on the Internet like PBWiki, JotSpot, WetPaint, PMWiki, MediaWiki, Ning, Mike and WikiSpaces. Wikispaces is very convenient for librarians. It is easy to use, offers the possibility that only invited members can edit the content, and a no-ads version is freely available to educators working in K-12 schools. Wikispaces has a capability to upload various files (text, pictures, audios, and videos) or to embed various media (audios, videos, multimedia). It contains a discussion forum, email and an option to import a blog. Very useful features of Wikispaces are usage statistics and page feeds with email notification of changes to any space or page with RSS feeds. Last but not least Wikispaces is supported by a good customer service and it is very easy to make wiki space backups at any time. The workshop *Wikis in school libraries* will be a demonstration of managing Wikispaces and using its various tools.

### **Session 2 “Using Web 2.0 technologies, Zoomerang and making surveys, tapped in for students” - Monica Morsheck, German Swiss International School (Dianne McKenzie)**

How to use surveys to improve information services in the school. Monica would like to show participants how to construct a survey (using Zoomerang) and then using an example from a survey conducted at GSIS, show how the results were used to improve web2.0 services for the school. Dianne will show an example survey from AISHK that was used throughout the school and contribute web 2.0, quick topics/ document review and trackstar - both easy to learn and use technologies that will help collaboration and management of websites.

### **Session 3 “SKYPE: A myriad of uses and its FREE tool!” - Bryant McEntire, French International School**

Some of you may be using Skype at home to communicate with friends and family overseas. That is a great jumping off point! In this workshop we will start from scratch by creating each participant a profile so that Skype can be immediately used for some of the various applications that we will discuss during the seminar: sending and receiving large files; video conferencing; and silent game formats for quizzes including Battle of the Books. Don't let the simplicity fool you: Skype can be a very advantageous and visible educational tool for you as a teacher librarian especially if you have a large pool of contacts with specialization in any area pertinent to a subject being covered in your respective curricula. The culminating event will be a friendly Battle of the Books using 06-07 titles as we pit librarian against librarian using questions from the regionals and finals! Your IT skills will quickly build as you experience the teachable tension created through this medium.